

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By Chairman Walter McNutt, on March 26, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 472 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Walter McNutt, Chairman (R)
Rep. Ron Erickson, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Ralph Heinert, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Duane Ankney (R)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Sue Dickenson (D)
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Scott Mendenhall (R)
Rep. JP Pomnichowski (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman (D)
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)
Rep. Chas Vincent (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch
Nancy Kraft, Committee Secretary

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 200, 3/21/2007; SB 317,
3/21/2007
Executive Action: HB 831

HEARING ON SB 317

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:00:53 Sen. Dave Lewis (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 317, Restrict land trust merger of title.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:04:56 Glenn Marx, Montana Association of Land Trusts

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony:

00:08:35 Jeff Brandt, Department of Administration

[EXHIBIT](#)(nah64a01)

00:09:29 Randy Wilke, Department of Revenue

00:09:43 Angus Maciver, Legislative Auditor's Office

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:10:26 Rep. Erickson

00:11:25 Mr. Marks

00:12:35 Rep. Lambert

00:12:58 Mr. Marks

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:08 Sen. Lewis

HEARING ON SB 200

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:18 Sen. Dave Lewis (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on SB 200, Authorize litigation for cleanup of Mike Horse Mine.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:21:06 Gordon Morris, Lewis and Clark County Commissioners

00:22:56 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon

00:23:26 Candace West, Attorney General's Office, Department of Justice

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:26:29 Rep. Van Dyk
00:27:15 Sen. Lewis
00:28:55 Rep. Heinert
00:34:41 Ms. West
00:35:30 Rep. Heinert
00:35:40 Sen. Lewis

Closing by Sponsor:

00:37:13 Sen. Lewis

00:38:01 Break

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 831

00:54:49 **Motion:** Rep. Heinert moved that HB 831 **DO PASS.**
00:55:06 **Motion:** Rep. Heinert moved that HB 831 **BE AMENDED.**
[EXHIBIT\(nah64a02\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(nah64a03\)](#)
[EXHIBIT\(nah64a04\)](#)

Discussion:

00:56:44 Krista Evans
01:15:09 Rep. Barrett
01:15:30 Ms. Evans
01:16:41 Rep. Dickenson
01:16:53 Ms. Evans
01:25:08 Rep. Barrett
01:26:19 Ms. Evans
01:26:52 Mr. Barrett
01:27:05 John Tubbs, Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation
01:28:35 Ms. Evans
01:28:47 Rep. Vincent
01:29:13 Mr. Tubbs
01:30:38 Rep. Dickenson
01:31:00 Rep. McNutt
01:31:19 Rep. Barrett
01:31:12 Rep. McNutt
01:31:50 Holly Franz, Pacific Power and Light Montana
01:32:35 Rep. Mendenhall
01:32:59 Rep. McNutt
01:34:58 Rep. Cohenour
01:35:21 Rep. Van Dyk
01:36:02 Rep. Ross
01:36:20 Ms. Evans

01:37:05 Rep. Erickson
01:38:20 Rep. McNutt
01:40:13 Rep. Barrett
01:41:17 Rep. Hendrick
01:41:49 Ms. Evans
01:42:46 Rep. Erickson
01:42:51 Ms. Evans
01:43:05 Rep. Dickenson
01:43:50 Ms. Evans
01:44:20 Rep. McNutt

01:46:00 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-2 by roll call vote with Reps. Barrett and Lambert voting no. Rep. Hands voted by proxy.

01:47:13 **Motion:** Rep. Erickson moved that HB 831 **BE AMENDED. EXHIBIT (nah64a05)**

Discussion:

01:47:40 Ms. Evans
01:50:03 Rep. McNutt
01:50:26 Rep. Erickson
01:51:43 Rep. Pomnichowski

01:52:13 **Vote:** Motion failed 7-9 by roll call vote with Reps. Cohenour, Dickenson, Erickson, Hands, Pomnichowski, Small-Eastman, and Van Dyk voting aye. Rep. Hands voted by proxy.

01:53:20 **Motion:** Rep. Erickson moved that HB 831 **DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:53:53 Rep. Cohenour
01:54:32 Rep. Vincent
01:55:40 Rep. Barrett
01:56:21 Rep. McNutt
01:56:51 Rep. Barrett
01:57:50 Rep. McNutt
01:58:38 Rep. Erickson
01:59:30 Rep. Lambert
02:00:22 Rep. McNutt
02:01:37 Rep. Mendenhall
02:02:48 Rep. McNutt

02:03:39 **Vote:** Motion carried 12-4 by roll call vote with Reps. Barrett, Rep. Lambert, Rep. Mendenhall, and Rep. Ross voting no. Rep. Hands voted by proxy.

Additional Exhibits:

Document pertaining to HB 831; Hearing on 3/23/07

[EXHIBIT](#) (nah64a06)

Document pertaining to HB 831; Hearing on 3/23/07

[EXHIBIT](#) (nah64a07)

ADJOURNMENT

02:04:49 Adjournment: 5:50 P.M.

REP. WALTER MCNUTT, Chairman

NANCY KRAFT, Secretary

WM/nk

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nah64aad.pdf](#))